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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 10/040,720. Included herein is a Form PTO-1449 (1 page) listing references previously examined in the parent application (10/040,720) which this application is relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Those references were either submitted and examined through Information Disclosure Statements or examined and listed in a Form PTO-892. Accordingly, no copies of the listed references are provided under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

REMARKS

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

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	C1	International Search Report for International Patent Application No. PCT/US02/00383, dated September 12, 2002, 9 pages.		

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